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JACKSON SUPPORTS APPROPRIATIONS BILL WHICH INCLUDES

AN EXTENSION OF VITAL PROGRAMS FOR MAIN STREET

Washington, D.C. -- Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr., this afternoon voted in favor of H.R. 3226--the Department of Defense Appropriations Act. Jackson said the bill "makes investments in the training and readiness of our armed forces as well as provides assistance to those who need it most."

"This bill provides urgent help to American workers who have lost their jobs in the recession by providing a two month extension of Unemployment benefits and the COBRA health insurance subsidy. Furthermore, this legislation ensures that the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (formerly know as the food stamp program) is provided with sufficient funds to cover the 37 million people currently benefiting from the program."

The FY 2010 Defense Appropriations Bill includes the following projects for the 2nd District and

the State of Illinois:

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\$2,000,000 for an Advanced Trauma Training Course at Rush University Medical Center for the training of first responders in the Illinois Army National Guard, enabling first responders with the experience they need to provide effective medical care to military casualties on the battlefield and improving their disaster response and public health readiness skills.

\$2,000,000 for PaintShield Protection from Microbial Threats for the Sherwin-Williams Company to develop a highly-effective, production ready interior latex coating to combat biological threats at the Sherwin Williams plant in South Holland.

\$1,600,000 for Thorium/Magnesium Excavation at the Chicago Magnesium Casting Co. for the continuation of excavation, packaging and shipment of contaminated material to specialized landfills.

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\$1,600,000 for the Columbia College Chicago Construct Training Program which uses methods of movie and video game production to develop interactive simulations for crisis training, providing participants with the opportunity to increase their reaction time to a variety of crisis situations and familiarize them with life saving options.

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\$800,000 for the Flexible Solar Cell for Man-Portable Power Generation □ **at Chicago State University** *for the* development of low cost, flexible solar cell generating systems that can be integrated with any ordinary carried or stationary equipment providing power at remote locations for American troops.

In his eight term, Congressman Jesse L. Jackson, Jr. sits on the House Appropriations Committee, serving as the fourth most senior Democrat on the Subcommittee on Labor, Health and Human Services and Education, and Related Agencies as well as the Vice-Chairman of the Subcommittee on State, Foreign Operations, and Related Programs. He also sits on the Subcommittee on Agriculture, Rural Development, Food and Drug Administration, and Related Agencies.

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